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Cory Burkarth says that the starting quarterback position is Chris Smelley's to lose. *See page 15*



Read why "Superbad" was a 'super hit' at the box office on opening weekend. *See page 12*



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## UNCERTAIN FUTURE



Blake Mitchell, shown with Stephen Garcia, will sit out the first game of the 2007 season.

*Mitchell, two others suspended for opener*

Alex Riley  
SPORTS EDITOR

USC quarterback Blake Mitchell has been suspended for the first game of the 2007 season by coach Steve Spurrier for not attending classes. A fifth-year senior, Mitchell was the incumbent starter for the season, which starts on Sat., Sept. 1 against Louisiana-Lafayette. For more coverage, see page 15 for Sports.

## Low prices at gas pump

*South Carolina gas costs among lowest in nation, students take advantage*

Brad Maxwell  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Ashley Wilson is used to paying around \$2.71 per gallon of gas in her home state of Texas, but as a student at USC she pays 20 cents less.

Gas prices in the city of Columbia are among the lowest in the nation at \$2.51 per gallon, so students can afford to fill up regularly.

"Gas prices in Columbia make it easy to have a car on campus," said Wilson, a third-year psychology student.

Wilson recently filled up her Ford Focus at a Sonoco gas station on Bush River Road for \$2.43 per gallon.

The national average stands at \$2.76 per gallon, according to gasbuddy.com.

South Carolina has long been known for its comparatively cheap gasoline prices, and now stands a close second to New Jersey, averaging \$2.53 per gallon.

The highest gas prices in the country are in Hawaii, at \$3.34 per gallon.

"I gained an appreciation for the low prices in Columbia after rooming with two girls from Oregon

and New York this summer," said Hayley McLeod, a second-year biology student.

Oregon averages \$2.77 per gallon and New York stands at about \$2.91/gallon.

Jason Toews, co-founder of gasbuddy.com, a site that helps consumers locate the cheapest gas in their area, said that cheaper gas is a combined result of easier access to crude oil, different state pollution standards, state taxes, and competition.

"The cheapest gas is generally found in states like Georgia, South Carolina, and a lot of southern states," Toews said. "Some western states, like California, have high pollution standards and have a lot of additives in their gasoline, which means higher prices."

Gas prices in Columbia range from \$2.42 at stations like El Cheapo on the corner of Bull and Elmwood St. to \$2.57 at Exxon on Harden St.

"Smaller stations don't have brand recognition, so to increase business a lot of independent stations are going to push prices down," Toews said.

GAS • 3



## Scholars awarded research grants

*Undergraduates look for answers in Magellan program*

Jess Davis  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Ever wondered about earthquakes in Peru?

How about international coverage of avian flu? Or music in a post-Katrina New Orleans?

Undergraduate students have taken on these research projects and dozens more as part of the Magellan Scholars program, which gives up to \$3,000 per student in research grants and helps students work with USC faculty.

The program is in its fourth semester and is still evolving. As Innovista develops, students may get chances to do research with industry professionals as well, said Julie Morris, program director for the Magellan Scholars.

This fall, 50 students at

USC and satellite campuses got grants of \$146,000 to explore topics on economics, engineering, journalism, psychology, chemistry and biology, among others.

Alexandra Basilakos, a third-year experimental psychology student, is studying meth and rats.

Basilakos with Alicia Latham, a fourth-year experimental psychology student, is researching the effects of lobeline on methamphetamine users, using rats as test subjects. Does it cut down on hyperactivity, for example, and what are any side effects lobeline could cause?

Basilikos had worked with the professor since last September and said her research has helped her decide what she wants to do in the future.

"It's rewarding too," she said. Meth use is a big problem in the U.S. and she feels like their research is helping.

Stephen Sprague, a fifth-year civil engineering and computing student, is studying how to collect energy from passing vehicles on busy roads. He is almost done designing a wind turbine that will be installed on the sides of highways and railways after working on it during the summer.

Sprague, whose family has a background in oil and gas, said he wants to help



Stephen Sprague, Magellan scholar

those industries become more environmentally friendly by starting his own company using the product he designed at school.

He will graduate in December and said the research he's doing has also helped him apply for graduate fellowships.

Magellan Scholars use their grants for a variety of expenses, including travel. Puja Dalal, a third-year exercise science student teamed with another student to study botanicas in the Dominican Republic.

Botanicas are small stores that sell perfumes, baths and sprays supposed to bring the user luck and love, Dalal said. She and Elaine Kao, a third-year biological sciences student studied abroad in the Dominican Republic for seven weeks this summer, then stayed another three weeks to do their research.

They interviewed people who shop and work at the stores with a translator on hand, though both speak Spanish, Dalal said.

"It was a very good cultural experience and I learned a lot about how people viewed medicine, and how superstition is a big part of Dominican culture," she said.

They will continue analysis of their findings this semester, Dalal said.

Tyler Ray, a fourth-year mechanical engineering student, is creating a model to predict behaviors of gold nanorods, which are tiny particles formed by chemical reactions. Gold nanorods have potential for cancer treatment and drug delivery systems, Ray said.

Ray has done research since his sophomore year, but this is his first year as a Magellan scholar. He's using the money for travel and material expenses, but said most of the grant is a "salary" for him -- he spends 10 to 15 hours a week on his research and doesn't have time for another part-time job.

The grant "makes sure I won't starve," Ray said.

To Ray, research is an integral part of his time at USC. He wants to be a university professor and said his years of research have helped him meet USC professors, get scholarships and give him an edge in applying to graduate school.

For a complete list of Magellan Scholar projects, visit [www.dailygamecock.com](http://www.dailygamecock.com).

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## Retiring professors leave USC in bind

**More than 40 faculty slated to leave university classrooms by 2009**

Jess Davis  
NEWS EDITOR

Professors used to seeing hundreds of new faces in their classrooms this semester will also find dozens of new colleagues, as colleges across USC have replaced faculty who have retired.

Thorne Compton spent months interviewing hundreds of candidates for the 64 faculty spots he has to fill in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Compton, associate dean for the school, said he did four or five interviews a day for three months, and will have to continue the school's search for new professors in the coming years.

At least 22 professors from the school will retire in 2008 and another 20 in 2009. It's a problem facing the entire university. More than 100 professors retired from USC in the past two years, and nearly 60 more are expected to retire in the next two years, according to the Provost's office. The School of Library and Information Science lost a third of its faculty in the past four years to retirement. The business school and CAS each lost about a fifth

of their teaching staff. In addition, many colleges at USC are trying to grow and hire new professors, adding to their burden of finding qualified candidates. Deans face a sometimes-narrow candidate field, integrating new faculty with existing staff and paying higher salaries for less experience. This university-wide retirement bubble comes partly from baby boomers hitting retirement age and partly because of a state program that provides incentives for retiring teachers. "We hit a wave where a group of senior faculty of a similar vintage reached that point where they said, 'It's time,'" said Charles Bierbauer, dean of the College of Mass Communications and Information Sciences. The Teacher and Employee Retention Incentive Program, TERI, allows teachers across the state to declare their retirement up to five years early, so they can keep teaching while saving monthly retirement payments. Though deans said many of their professors had chosen to retire because of TERI (tenured professors never have to retire), they also said the program is helpful because they know in advance how many professors are planning to leave.

RETIRE • 4



## Rivers provide relief during heat wave

**Lack of oxygen, pollution threatens Columbia's natural resources**

Brandon Cooper  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The rivers around Columbia provide a much-needed relief from the summer heat. It's common to see Columbia residents and USC students swimming, sunning on the rocks and just hanging out on the riverbanks at any given time. But the three rivers in Columbia's downtown area provide recreational opportunities as well as a cool place to spend the day.

"There's so much to do so close by," Richard Mikell, Manager of Adventure Carolina, said. "It's great to get out and take advantage of all the great outdoor resources."

Adventure Carolina rents tubes and kayaks, organizes tubing, kayaking, canoeing and hiking trips and also provides safety instruction.

The rivers have been a hot bed for student activities for decades, said Karen Kustafik, an employee of Columbia's Parks and Recreation Department.

With a near drowning a week ago, Kustafik encourages people to avoid risky activities when going out on the water.

"Kayakers helped pull out a guy after he went down for the third time," Kustafik said.

Currents can be strong and Kustafik advises people not to wade in deep and to avoid the consumption of alcohol.

The rivers also face pollution threats from a variety of sources.

Roger Hall, the

Watershed Manager for the Pee Dee and Saluda Basins at the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, said the Lower Saluda River below the dam is considered impaired due to pH levels in the river and a lack of dissolved oxygen.

Hall said this is "likely a result of the release of deep, cold water from the bottom of Lake Murray."

Dissolved oxygen is necessary for wildlife in the river.

Fisherman should know that a fish consumption advisory is currently in effect on the stretch of the Saluda between the dam and the Congaree River, Hall said.

River goers are not usually the cause of pollution to the river.

"While the broken bottles and other trash that lines the river banks in this area is certainly not pleasant to look at, this generally would not contribute to the types of impairments that we monitor for," Hall said.

But Hall does encourage people to pick up after their pets because pet waste moving into waters causes fecal coliform to build up in the Saluda.

Fecal coliform is a pathogen that may indicate the presence of disease-causing microorganisms, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Though Columbia's rivers face pollution issues, according to Hall, "the rivers are healthy overall."

"I wade and swim near the rocks and islands, and have never felt that I shouldn't be doing so because of the pollution in the river," he said.

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Mark Gould, 38, of Irmo, meditates at the Ganden Mahayana temple Thursday afternoon.

## Buddhist center offers calm

*Center offers religious teachings, culture to students*

Katie Jones  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Hidden away in a second floor apartment on the corner of Main and Gervais streets is the Ganden Mahayana Buddhist Center.

Even though there is audible construction going on around the building, there is an aura of calm in the Buddhist Center.

An old cat named "Tattoo" roams the apartment, content to laze on any visitor's lap.

The Buddhist Center is part of the New Kadampa Tradition, an international Kadampa Buddhist Union.

They offer classes on all varieties of meditation and the teachings of Buddhism.

The center is based in Columbia but also has classes and courses at locations in Charleston, Hilton Head, Irmo, Florence, Greenville, Spartanburg and Savannah, Georgia.

"We have a lunch time meditation, where we do breathing relaxation meditation and then all the other meditations and teachings are focused on helping us to change our minds," resident teacher Michelle Gauthier said.

Gauthier said the classes help people work past overwhelming emotions.

"For example, everybody experiences a mind of anger...a lot of the teachings

in Buddhism help you to overcome anger, or help you to overcome pride, jealousy, stress, anxiety, fear," Gauthier said.

Gauthier estimates the Ganden Mahayana Buddhist Center is the spiritual home to approximately twenty regular attendees, most of whom range in age from twenty to fifty.

Burt Srisuwan, a third-year biology student, was raised Buddhist in Columbia.

"It was a very unique experience being raised Buddhist in a predominantly Christian region," Srisuwan said. "As a child, it was very important to be strong-minded and steadfast in my beliefs because many people tried to convert me early on."

Srisuwan said being raised Buddhist helped him remain tolerant of religious differences.

"I learned to be open to others' beliefs at a young age, and because I wasn't part of the majority it was also very important to be humble about my religion," Srisuwan said.

But he said he would "like it if people were more informed about Buddhism."

Anyone can attend classes at the Ganden Mahayana Buddhist Center while maintaining their personal faith. Gauthier said one attendee refers to himself as a "Jewish Catholic Buddhist."

Gauthier said she was raised Catholic, but "was not any religion at the time" she discovered Buddhism.

During a visit to a monastery, where her brother was preparing to become a Buddhist monk, Gauthier



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Buddha statue adorns the meditation room in the center.

decided Buddhism was the right path for her.

"I started listening to the teachings and for me, they answered a lot of questions that I'd had, spiritually," Gauthier said. "It just clicked. Everything just made sense."

As with all religion, college can become a test of faith and discipline.

"Following Buddhism in college is a testing ground for faith and discipline just like it is in any other religion,"

second-year finance student Christopher Cutter said. "But ultimately being Buddhist has helped me in my college career by making me more personable and allowing me to realize my goals."

For a meditation and class schedule for the Ganden Mahayana Buddhist Center, see [www.meditationinsc.org](http://www.meditationinsc.org).

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McLeod said she usually buys her gas from BP because she has more faith in their business practices and they have cleaner gas, despite being more expensive than local gas stations.

“If I see a BP that’s just 4 or 5 cents more expensive than a local gas station, I’ll usually use BP,” McLeod said.

McLeod said she fills up about twice a month while at school.

“I’ll usually spend about \$35 on a tank twice a month. It doesn’t affect my budget all that much,” McLeod said.

Wilson said she also buys gas about twice a month while she’s at school.

Wilson said she uses an Exxon gas card to buy gas to and from her home in Texas, but when she’s at school she always looks for the cheapest gas prices.

“If I know I’m low on gas, I just don’t drive,” Wilson said.

The gas prices in this story were compiled by gasbuddy.com.

Gasbuddy.com receives its information from volunteer gas price spotters. The site offers local and national gas price maps, and displays the price trends each area experiences.

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# Pilot disappears during African trek

‘Lone wolf’ pilot vanishes while ferrying plane over western Africa

Jennifer Kay  
The Associated Press

MIAMI - The first few hours of silence after Lori Love’s plane disappeared over West Africa didn’t come as much of a surprise to those who know her.

The “lone wolf,” as she likes to call herself, doesn’t like mid-air chatter. She had asked for this solo flight through long stretches of sky not covered by radar.

A longtime friend, Steve Hall, had hired her to ferry a single-engine Beechcraft from Florida to South Africa. She exchanged a cheerful, routine radio transmission with another pilot about an hour after taking off from Accra, Ghana, last Friday night, Hall said.

That was the last time anyone heard from Love. Ghana air traffic controllers failed to establish contact with her about 15 minutes later. Her expected arrival time in Windhoek,

Namibia, late Saturday morning passed without her wheels touching down.

Most troubling: The ace pilot and skydiver never activated a handheld emergency beacon that would have tipped rescuers to her location by GPS, Hall said.

Search efforts from several African countries have stopped tracing her expected flight path, failing for almost a week to find any sign of her plane or her emergency raft, Hall said.

Love would not have taken off from the Ghanaian capital if she hadn’t been confident her plane was fine, Hall said. A minor electrical problem in the plane’s alternator switch had been fixed during a brief layover in Accra, and she had 18 hours of fuel for the nearly 2,300-mile flight south to Namibia.

“Something catastrophic must have happened,” he said. It’s not known whether the electrical glitch resurfaced, or if it was part of some fatal problem.

“I’m just praying she will reappear and give me hell and say, ‘You gave me a lousy airplane,’” he said.

## Missing pilot was last seen in Africa

Pilot Lori Love, missing for over a week, was last seen before flying from Ghana to Namibia when she disappeared from radar.

### LORI LOVE’S SCHEDULED STOPS



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# Richter leaves health school

## Dean steps down, Chandler to serve as replacement

Kathleen Kemp  
STAFF WRITER

The Arnold School of Public Health will get a new dean as current dean Donna Richter moves to head an institute run by the school.

Thomas Chandler will serve as interim dean for a year, starting Sept. 1.

"I'm really excited about the challenge of leading the Arnold School," Chandler said. "It's one of the leading colleges in the university."

While Chandler, now chairman of the Department of Environmental Health Sciences, will only be dean for a year, he plans to make the most of his experience.

"It's a whirlwind, yes," Chandler said. "It'll be an interesting but also a fun 12 months for all of us."

Chandler will serve as dean until the school finds a permanent replacement. While the search has not yet begun, Richter said that it shouldn't take more than a year.

Greg Dominick, a third-year doctorate student in public education, said he hopes Chandler will be a positive impact on the

school.

"We'll miss Dean Richter," Dominick said. "Hopefully all the changes will be for the best."

Chandler said his tenure as dean would bring more research opportunities for graduate students and improved distance education.

"We're going to try to improve the research infrastructure within the school," Chandler said.

He inherits a changing school, starting with undergraduate programs in public health.

Duriel Garner, a second-year masters of health administration student, said that some changes do need to be made.

"We're hoping to take some of the programs to the next level, making them better," Garner said. "I'd like to see some curriculum changes made to some of the majors."

Richter will move within the school, staying a professor and heading the S.C. Public Health Institute, one of 28 similar institutes across the country.

"It'll be a different venture for me, but I'll still be here," Richter said.

At the institute, Richter will look at public health issues in the state and highlight issues and problems, she said.

Richter, who started at USC in 1973, has been with the Arnold School since



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**Thomas Chandler will be the health school's interim dean.**

1983 and has been dean since 2003.

"I've been here so long that I've seen students graduate and really make something of their education," Richter said. "That's very gratifying."

Chandler said a committee with faculty and staff from the Arnold School will work to find a permanent dean. While Chandler won't be on the committee, he plans to be involved in the search.

"I'll be engaged in trying to find the best person for

the job," Chandler said. "It's fun when you get to have a national search."

When the permanent dean takes over, Chandler will return to his leadership and teaching duties as chairman of Environmental Health Sciences within the Arnold School. That post will be held temporarily by professor Dwayne Porter.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### News briefs from around the state

*4 men accused of trying to use bomb as distraction for robbery*

**YORK** - Four people were arrested after someone told police they planned to detonate pipe bombs at a Charlotte, N.C., school Thursday to distract investigators so they could rob a bank, York County Sheriff Bruce Bryant said.

A man, his teenage son and nephew, and another teen were taken into custody Wednesday night at a Fort Mill home, Bryant said.

Bryant said the men planned to rob a Founders Credit Union branch in Charlotte. He did not know which school the men planned to use as part of their scheme, but schools in the area are not yet in session.

"We believe it was going to go down today," Bryant said Thursday.

**Timothy Wayne Eddington**, 35; son **Steven Michael Eddington**, 18; nephew **William Christopher Puckett**, 19; and **Edgar Scott Williams IV**, 19, were charged with criminal conspiracy, manufacturing of explosive devices and burglary, Bryant said. Puckett is from Rock Hill while the others live in Fort Mill.

Bryant said two pipe bombs were seized and later disarmed.

The sheriff said a tip led to the arrests.

*Inmate walks away from job site in Charleston*

**CHARLESTON** - An inmate scheduled to be released at the end of the month turned himself into authorities Thursday, a day after he walked away from his restaurant job without permission, prison officials said.

**Reginald Lavelle Anderson** called authorities in North Charleston around 6 p.m. and said he wanted to give himself up, authorities said.

Anderson was scheduled to be released Aug. 31 after serving more than four years of an eight-year sentence for assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature out of Charleston County, according to the Corrections Department.

Anderson, 33, was working at an IHOP as part of a Corrections Department work-release program when he walked away around 6 p.m. Wednesday, agency spokesman Josh Gelinas said.

Anderson has a criminal record stretching back to 1992, including convictions for criminal domestic violence, simple assault and forgery, according to State Law Enforcement Division records.

*Altered letter to keep SC man from prison gets him more time behind bars*

**COLUMBIA** - James Harold Simmons Jr. hoped the letter he altered from

his doctor would delay him having to report to prison for a more than two-year sentence, prosecutors said.

Instead, it got him more than another year behind bars, U.S. Attorney Reggie Lloyd said.

**Simmons**, 43, was sentenced to 15 months in prison Thursday after pleading guilty in June to attempting to obstruct and influence a federal court proceeding.

The Walterboro man's scheme began in September 2006, when he was ordered to report to prison to begin a 27-month sentence for transporting and receiving stolen goods, prosecutors said.

But Simmons took a letter written to the court by his doctor and altered it so it said he was too sick to go behind bars, authorities said.

Probation officials were suspicious of the letter and called the doctor, who confirmed it had been changed, prosecutors said.

District Judge Cameron Currie ordered Simmons to spend 15 more months behind bars after he serves his original 27-month prison sentence, Lloyd said.

*Missing S.C. hiker found on mountain trail*

**WALHALLA** - A 55-year-old man lost in mountain woods for more than a day was found thirsty but unharmed by hikers Thursday, authorities said. Mike Shain called 911 on his cell phone around 7 p.m. Tuesday, telling dispatchers he was lost and didn't have any water, said Andy Brown, who was coordinating the search.

Hikers on a trail near the North Carolina border came across Shain on Thursday morning and called authorities, said Sharon Adams, with Oconee County Emergency Services. Shain was not injured, Adams said.

"They were just hiking the trail and just came across him," she said.

Shain had planned to walk just a short distance along the Foothills Trail, officials said. Searchers had been looking for him since he made the emergency call in a 10-mile area along the North Carolina state line, Brown said.

The trail and surrounding land is so rough in some areas that all-terrain vehicles cannot get through, Brown said.

Searchers were also battling highs that have reached near 100 degrees and snakes, Brown said.

No one was able to reach Shain by cell phone since he made the 911 call, Brown said.

Rescuers also weren't able to narrow down where Shain might be using his cell phone signal, authorities said.

Shain is a financial planner and has two children with his wife, Greenville City Councilwoman Michelle Shain.

### RETIRE • Continued from 1

Of those eligible for retirement programs, 81 percent of full-time professors and 53 percent of part-time professors signed up, according to a survey released in 2007 by the American Association of University Professors. The Moore Business School lost 22 professors to retirement in the past four years and will lose another 13 in the next four, according to Dean Joel Smith. Smith said the retirements are "predominantly T E R I - d r i v e n ."

In addition to filling holes, the business school is expanding its faculty by about 10 percent, Smith said. The school's reputation is drawing more applicants and students, and "we never really caught up with the growth of the past six years," Smith said. But the school hasn't met its hiring goals in the past couple of years. "There are not enough people in the market," Smith said of trying to find professors. In the business world, fewer people are going into the academic field. Smith said he's seen studies that project a 2,600-person shortage by 2012. The CMCIS is having similar troubles finding enough qualified professors to meet the demands of a growing undergraduate program, Bierbauer said.

He likened the hiring process changes from year to year to soybean farming. "One year you've got a good crop, and the next, it's a little thin," he said.

For the music school, hiring new professors isn't as troublesome as for other schools, Dean Tayloe Harding (CQ) said.

Six music professors retired in the past two years and up to four more are expected to retire in the next four years, Harding said. The school has only 45 full-time professors. But music graduate programs prepare students to become teachers, so it's easy to hire new PhDs, Harding said. As USC's music school reputation improves, as Harding said it is, more experienced professors want to join the faculty.

### Integrating a New Staff

With any big change in personnel, clashes and challenges seem imminent in integrating new hires with current staff. For new professors who have replaced retired professors, there is also the challenge of knowing how things work at USC. "You need people who have wisdom, who have experience and who have long-term commitment to an institution," Compton said. "It's important we give new faculty a sense of values of what we're doing here." Bierbauer said that as full professors retire, CMCIS hires more assistant and associate professors and loses something in the process. "It takes away institutional knowledge and some of the revered faculty that people who graduated 20 years ago still talk about," Bierbauer said.

Within the school, Bierbauer set up a mentoring program

between old and new professors to combat the loss of institutional knowledge.

"Now, we can start rebuilding," he said. In the CAS, because so many professors are new or young, they are less afraid to speak out at faculty meetings and are becoming "immediate players" in their departments, Compton said. Compton said that though the hiring process can be exhausting, it offers a chance for the CAS to grow and change. Instead of hiring just to fill the hole from a retiring professor, the college is building new areas of study, like Chinese and Islamic studies. "It's not about replacing each person," he said. "We're creating a new faculty for a new day." Compton, who did his undergrad work at USC and has worked for the university since 1972 as a teacher and dean, said the opportunities for USC today are better than ever before. "I've seen a lot at the University of South Carolina. I've never seen a time of the kind of change and kind of excitement that I'm seeing right now," Compton said. In the business school, each division -- management, marketing and finance -- conducts its own search for faculty, Smith said. In addition to academic qualifications, Smith said the departments look for people who mesh well with the current staff. He said the collegial atmosphere within the school is an attraction for professors considering moving to USC.

While Smith said the Moore School is hiring more associate and full professors with years of teaching experience, many new hires are young. At 35, Rob Ployhart, a management professor, is the fourth-oldest person in his division. He was hired in 2004, and now makes less than his newest colleagues.

### Salary Compression

Ployhart isn't alone. In what's called salary compression, the market drives up the price for new hires faster than continuing professors get raises. "It's a big problem," Compton said. "You can't solve it easily or overnight." Compton said new junior faculty in the CAS are paid considerably more than senior faculty. "That's what it costs to get these people," he said. "We're recruiting the best people in the country." In the business school, Smith said it's "not unusual" to hire a professor at the same salary as a retiree. Bierbauer said salary compression hits his school at the full and associate professor levels, but less so with assistant professors.

The need to pay professors more reaches students, who have seen large jumps in tuition over the past five years, sometimes with double-digit percentage increases. But deans say that's the price to pay for a university seen across the country as "on the move."

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Juan Camasca and his wife Maria Luisa Garcia use candle light in their temporary shelter in Pisco, Peru.

## Rescuers give up hope in Peru earthquake

### Tens of thousands left homeless after magnitude-8 quake

Jeanneth Valdivieso  
The Associated Press

**PISCO, Peru** - Rescuers gave up hope of finding any more survivors and concentrated Monday on clearing tons of rubble from the streets of this southern port city leveled by a powerful earthquake that killed at least 540 people.

The magnitude-8 quake

on Wednesday destroyed more than 85 percent of the homes in Pisco, a fishing port 125 miles southeast of Lima that was the hardest hit city.

Rescue workers have removed 148 bodies from a church in the city after its domed ceiling broke apart during the earthquake. It was not clear how many of the 300 congregants inside survived the shaking that lasted for an agonizing two minutes.

Jorge Vera, a firefighter who led the operation to find survivors at the San Clemente church in Pisco,

said Sunday the rescue work had stopped and the focus was now on recovering the bodies. Friday was the last time a survivor was pulled from the quake's debris.

Meanwhile, the government was preparing plans to rebuild Pisco.

"I am traveling with the head of the Civil Defense to Pisco to begin the clean-up," President Alan Garcia said early Monday in Lima after he returned from heading rescue operations in Pisco for the past four days.

Garcia said plans include providing small two-bedroom homes to people

who lost their houses, made of concrete blocks and steel rods designed to withstand earthquakes better than unreinforced adobe.

In a preliminary report the Civil Defense said the quake destroyed 35,214 homes — including 16,000 in Pisco and 16,010 in nearby Chincha. It reported another 4,053 houses were badly damaged.

Garcia also said 1,200 soldiers had restored calm to the streets where days earlier, hungry quake victims looted aid trucks and markets.

## Drop murder case, officer recommends

### Marine charged with murder of Iraqis, assaulting others

Elliot Spagat  
The Associated Press

**SAN DIEGO** - A Marine accused of murdering Iraqi civilians, including children, in the town of Haditha should have all charges dropped against him because of weak evidence, an investigating officer recommended on Thursday.

Lance Cpl. Stephen B. Tatum, 26, is charged with unpremeditated murder of two girls and negligent homicide on suspicion that he unlawfully killed two men, a woman and a boy. He is also accused of assaulting another boy and a girl.

The investigating officer, Lt. Col. Paul Ware, said the evidence was too weak for a court-martial. Tatum, of Edmond, Okla., shot and killed civilians, but "he did so because of his training and the circumstances he was placed in, not to exact revenge and commit murder," Ware wrote.

"I believe ... Tatum's real life experience and training on how to clear a room took over and his body instinctively began firing while his head tried to grasp at what and why he was firing," Ware wrote. "By the time he could recognize that he was shooting at children, his body had already acted."

Ware's recommendation is nonbinding. Lt. Gen. James Mattis, the commanding general overseeing the case, has final say about whether Tatum will be court-martialed.

If Mattis accepts the recommendation to dismiss charges as he has with three of eight Marines who were initially accused, that would leave one Marine charged with murder. Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich, the squad leader, is charged with the unpremeditated murder of 18 men, women and children. He is scheduled to appear in court Aug. 30 for a preliminary hearing.

An attorney for Tatum, Jack Zimmerman, said he was pleased with the recommendation and would not comment further until he knew that the general had seen the 29-page report.

Ware said the deaths were tragic and that photographs of the victims were "heart wrenching," but that Wuterich fired first inside one room where seven Iraqis were killed, with Tatum following his lead.

Tatum was "entitled to act on his honest and reasonable belief" that Wuterich was firing at legitimate targets, Ware wrote.

A message left for Wuterich's attorney, Neal Puckett, wasn't immediately returned.

The victims died when a Marine squad launched a house-to-house assault Nov. 19, 2005, following a roadside bomb blast that killed a Marine driver.



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# Remains of last Russian czar's heir may have been found

## Royal family killed in Bolshevik revolution, bones found

Steve Gutterman  
The Associated Press

**MOSCOW** - The remains of the last czar's hemophiliac son and heir to the Russian throne, missing since the royal family was gunned down nine decades ago by Bolsheviks in a basement room, may have been found, an archaeologist said Thursday.

Bones were found in a burned area in the ground near Yekaterinburg, the city where Czar Nicholas II and his wife and children were held prisoner and then shot in 1918.

A top local archaeologist said the bones belong to a boy and a young woman roughly the ages of the czar's son, Alexei, and a daughter whose remains have also never been found.

If confirmed, the finding would solve a persistent mystery about the doomed family, which fell victim to the violent revolution that ushered in more than 70 years of Communist rule.

It comes almost a decade after remains identified as those of Nicholas, his wife and three of his daughters were reburied in a ceremony made possible by the Soviet collapse but shadowed by statements of doubt — including from within the Russian Orthodox Church — about their authenticity.

The spot where the remains were found this summer appears to correspond to a site described by Yakov Yurovsky, the leader of the family's killers, said

Sergei Pogorelov, deputy head of the archaeological research department at a regional center for the preservation of historical and cultural monuments in Yekaterinburg.

"An anthropologist has determined that the bones belong to two young individuals — a young male apparently aged roughly 10-13 and another, a young woman about 18-23," he told NTV television.

Nicholas abdicated in 1917 as revolutionary fervor swept Russia, and he and his family were detained. The next year, they were sent to the Ural Mountains city of Yekaterinburg, where a firing squad executed them on July 17, 1918.

Historians say Communist guards lined up and shot Nicholas, his wife, Alexandra, their five children and four attendants in a small basement room in a nobleman's house in Yekaterinburg. The bodies were loaded in a truck and disposed of first in a mine shaft, according to most accounts.

According to NTV, a 1934 report based on Yurovsky's words indicated that the bodies of nine victims were then doused with sulfuric acid and buried along a road, while those of Alexei and a sister were burned and left in a pit nearby.

The Bolsheviks who killed the czar apparently mutilated and hid the bodies because they did not want the remains of the family — especially those of the heir Alexei — to become objects of worship or spark opposition to their new regime.

With the bodies lost for decades, hundreds of people came forward



The Associated Press

Czar Nicholas II, seated second from left, Czarina Alexandra and their family are shown in this undated file photo.

claiming to be a surviving member of the royal family. The most prominent was Anna Anderson, a woman who appeared in a mental hospital in 1920 and claimed to be the czar's youngest daughter, Anastasia. She said she had been rescued by one of the soldiers who killed the rest of the family and was carried out of Russia on the back of a peasant cart, eventually winding up in Berlin.

In the 1990s, DNA tests revealed she was a Polish peasant named Franziska Schanzkowska.

Parts of the royal bodies were exhumed in 1991 and reburied in 1998 in the imperial-era capital of St. Petersburg, following years of investigation and DNA tests in Britain and the U.S. But the bodies of Alexei and one of the czar's daughters, either Maria or Anastasia, remained missing.

The two daughters were

only a year apart, and DNA testing cannot distinguish between siblings. Most Russian scientists believe the missing daughter was Maria, and scientific tests have indicated the bones of Anastasia were among the remains buried.

The Russian Orthodox Church canonized Nicholas, Alexandra, Alexei and his four sisters as martyrs in 2000. But the church cited the two missing corpses and questions over whether

the recovered bones were actually those of the royal family in its decision to scale down its participation in the 1998 burial ceremony.

Historian Edvard Radzinsky, the author of a book about Nicholas II, told NTV that if the remains are confirmed to those of Alexei and his sister, it would prove the authenticity of the earlier find by providing "documentary affirmation of what is written in Yurovsky's notes."

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# Barack tours SC public school

*Obama calls for more federal funding at 'corridor of shame'*

Jim Davenport  
The Associated Press

**DILLON** - Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama toured a dilapidated school on Thursday in rural South Carolina and said children educated in run-down facilities are being shortchanged.

"Let's face it, money does make a difference," the Illinois senator said after walking around J.V. Martin Junior High School, which was built in 1896. "There's a federal and a state and a local responsibility that is not being met."

The school of 600 seventh- and eighth-graders has needed new floors and wiring, and the auditorium is in such bad shape that it's closed. Because of a lack of space, students take classes amid drill presses and saws in a room once used for shop class.

The aging gymnasium doesn't have air conditioning, though that apparently didn't bother Obama when he nailed a spontaneous free-throw basket.

Obama praised the idea behind the federal No Child Left Behind legislation and South Carolina's tough school performance standards.

"Unfortunately, we don't always put our money where our mouth is. And a lot of children are being left behind," Obama said.

J.V. Martin has failed to meet those state standards and principal Amanda Burnette was last month hired by the state to turn the school around. Burnette said a penny added to the local sales taxes has helped repair the floors and install new wiring.

But the school district's property values lock its current borrowing capacity at \$3 million, said Ray Rogers, the school district superintendent for the past 17 years. "We've already borrowed that to do small repairs. So what can we do?" he asked.

Obama said there should be more federal money to target the problems like those at J.V. Martin and other schools.

"Kids aren't stupid. And if they see that's the kind of attention and resources that are put into schools whereas new prisons are being built or the mall looks sparkly and new, that says something about our values as a society," Obama said. "That's the kind of attitude that all of us have to change."

J.V. Martin is a part of Dillon School District 2, which was one of eight rural districts to sue the state, challenging the way lawmakers fund public schools. The lawsuit drew national attention and



Willis Glassgow/ The Associated Press

**Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama speaks at a press conference at J.V. Martin Junior High.**

spurred a documentary about conditions at the school, dubbed "Corridor of Shame."

Attorneys for the state

said districts made bad decisions about how they spend money, such as a large, new workout facility for Dillon 2 athletes.

## Sudan expells top Western diplomats

**Government charges envoys with meddling in internal affairs**

Mohamed Osman  
The Associated Press

**KHARTOUM, Sudan** - Sudan expelled the top Canadian and European Union diplomats from the country Thursday for what was described as "meddling in its affairs," state media reported.

It was not immediately clear why the two were expelled, but many Western countries have been critical of the Sudanese government's role in atrocities committed in its Darfur region.

The two were summoned separately to the Foreign Ministry and were handed their expulsion notes, the official SUNA news agency reported, citing Foreign Ministry spokesman Ali Al Sadeq.

They were "involved in activities that constitute an intervention into the internal affairs of the Sudan, a matter that contradict their diplomatic duties and mission," the spokesman said.

The Foreign Ministry did not identify the diplomats, but its diplomatic records listed Kent Degerfelt as the head of mission for the European Union. The Canadian government said acting charge d'affaires Nuala Lawlor was expelled.

The Sudanese Foreign

Ministry spokesman also said the Foreign Ministry told the diplomats that "Sudan is keen to maintain the relation of cooperation linking it with the European Commission and with Canada."

"This incident should not hamper the relations between the Sudan and both the EC and Canada," Sadeq said.

In Canada, Foreign Affairs spokesman Rodney Moore said Lawlor had been filling in for charge d'affaires Alan Bones, who has been out of Sudan for several months.

"We've asked Sudanese authorities why they have expelled her," said Moore. Lawlor "was standing up for our values of freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Sudan. So we are awaiting to get a response."

In Brussels, EU spokesman Antonia Mochan said the commission "received a letter relating to the position of the head of delegation and we're trying to resolve the issue."

The Canadian Embassy and the European Commission office in Sudan did not immediately respond to phone calls by The Associated Press. The European Commission is the EU's executive branch.

More than 200,000 people have died in Sudan's embattled Darfur region since ethnic African rebels took up arms against the Arab-dominated central government in 2003, accusing it of discrimination.



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The Boardmans are shown in their FEMA Trailer in Morenci, Ariz.

## FEMA moves Katrina victims

*Formaldehyde found in trailers, residents fear illness*

Michael Kunzelman  
The Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS** - About 1,000 families in Louisiana have asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency to move them out of government-issued trailers and mobile homes amid concerns that the temporary shelters are contaminated by a carcinogen, FEMA officials said Thursday.

Jim Stark, director of FEMA's Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office, said FEMA already has moved or is in the process of moving about 140 of those families out of trailers and into apartments at the agency's expense.

To accommodate all the storm victims who want to move out of the campers,

FEMA has identified roughly 6,500 apartment units across the state that meet the agency's "fair-market value guidelines," according to Stark.

"We're going to try to move people where they can fit," he told The Associated Press during an interview Thursday.

With roughly 43,000 Louisiana families still living in FEMA trailers and mobile homes following hurricanes Katrina and Rita, officials are investigating complaints that the units are exposing occupants to dangerous levels of formaldehyde, which can cause respiratory problems.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is developing plans to test the air quality inside FEMA trailers, but those tests haven't started yet, a CDC spokesman said Thursday.

Gil Jamieson, FEMA's associate administrator for Gulf Coast recovery, said one of the problems with

conducting air-quality tests is that there aren't any national standards for formaldehyde levels in trailers.

"FEMA is a consumer of these products just as, quite frankly, anyone else is," he said. "We bear responsibility because we're putting disaster victims in them, but it's really not our place or our mission to be a standard-setting organization."

In Mississippi, 461 households have asked to be moved to an apartment or other housing because of the formaldehyde concerns, said FEMA spokesman Robert Josephson. To date, he said, 83 had been relocated but about 25 more households are scheduled to move at the beginning of September when apartments become available.

There are currently 17,382 families living in trailers and mobile homes, down from 45,818, in Mississippi, Josephson said.

## Graham remains frail

*Bleeds show preacher's fragile condition, stark contrast to past*

Mike Baker  
The Associated Press

**RALEIGH, N.C.** - For nearly a week, evangelist Billy Graham has been confined to a hospital. Friends say his strong spirit and curiosity are intact, but he remains frail as a myriad of health concerns continue to take their toll on the once globe-trotting preacher.

Intestinal bleeds have forced Graham to stay in a western North Carolina hospital since Saturday. Doctors said the bleeds appear common and treatable, and are likely caused by diverticuli, or small pouches that can form in the lower intestine.

A diverticular bleed, which is common among the elderly, often begins suddenly and may stop on its own. But doctors still want to closely monitor the 88-year-old until after a colonoscopy and they've put Graham on a liquid diet.



Chuck Burton/ The Associated Press

Billy Graham is shown during the dedication for the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte in late May.

"Mr. Graham is understandably weak from five days in bed, three bleeding episodes and an invasive procedure," said Graham's spokesman, Larry Ross. "But he continues to recover and regain strength."

During the last decade, Graham has faced an increasing number of age-related health concerns.

In 1994, physicians first diagnosed him with symptoms of Parkinson's disease. Six years later, they inserted a shunt to drain fluid from his brain.

Graham has prostate cancer and macular degeneration and uses a walker or the support of another person to

move around. And his once booming voice is now weak.

It's a stark contrast to Graham's past, which took him around the world and to the pulpit in front of millions.

But for the past several years, he has largely been confined to his mountainside home in Montreat. He spent several months at the bedside of his wife, Ruth Bell Graham, until she died in June.

Now, Graham spends his days hosting a revolving door of relatives who come to keep him company. He follows the

news and corresponds with well-wishers who offered condolences after his wife's death.

Though his physical health isn't what it used to be, Graham remains mentally active -- participating in the leadership process of the evangelistic association he founded 50 years ago and considering the possibility of writing a new book, said Ross, the preacher's spokesman.

"While he's got some physical limitations, his spirit and his mental curiosity is as strong as ever," Ross said.

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Odd news briefs from around the country

*NYPD commissioner: officer's meatball defense too dopey; claimed wife secretly served him pot*

**NEW YORK** - So much for the meatball defense.

A veteran counterterrorism detective's claims that he flunked a drug test because his wife served him marijuana-spiked meatballs "simply weren't credible," and he has been fired by the New York Police Department, NYPD spokesman Paul Browne said Thursday.

With the dismissal, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly rejected an earlier recommendation by an administrative judge that the detective, Anthony Chiofalo, be reinstated. Kelly has final say on firings.

An attorney for Chiofalo did not immediately respond to a telephone message seeking comment.

Chiofalo, a 22-year-veteran assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force, was suspended without pay in 2005 after a random drug test found marijuana in his system. The officer denied ever using drugs and demanded a hearing.

During an investigation, his wife said she had secretly substituted marijuana for oregano in her meatball recipe in hopes of forcing him to leave police work.

The detective's lawyers presented evidence that she had passed a lie-detector test, and offered testimony from a toxicologist that the excuse was valid.

*Alleged high priestess of Salem witches charged after raccoon entrails left on doorsteps*

**SALEM, Mass.** - A self-proclaimed high priestess of Salem witches and a second person were accused of tossing raccoon parts on

the doorsteps of businesses, allegedly as part of a Wiccan community feud.

Sharon Graham, 46, and a fellow Wiccan, Frederick Purtz, 22, pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges of littering and malicious destruction of property. Graham also was charged with intimidating a witness.

They were accused of putting a raccoon head and entrails on the doorsteps of Angelica of the Angels and the Goddess' Treasure Chest in May.

The historic seaport, famous for holding witch trials in the 17th century, has an active Wiccan community and thriving witch-related tourism.

David Gavegnano, a lawyer for Graham, and Sean Wynne, a lawyer for Purtz, both denied that their clients had anything to do with the incident. They also argued that at any rate, the malicious destruction charge wasn't valid because the storefronts weren't permanently damaged.

A witness, Richard Watson, told police he accompanied Graham, Purtz and other people when they put the raccoon remains on the doorsteps. He said Graham hoped to frame a Wiccan businessman who had fired Graham from a psychic telephone business last spring.

Watson also said Graham had a disagreement with the owners of the two targeted businesses over proposed regulations that would limit the number of psychics who come to the city during the Halloween season. He said he was told the group had found the raccoon dead.

Wynne told The Boston Herald said there were likely "internal issues within the Wiccan community."

Senate plans mine hearing

Mine owner prepares final rescue attempt in Utah collapse

The Associated Press

**HUNTINGTON, Utah** - Even as crews began a last effort Thursday to find six trapped miners, lawmakers in Washington launched separate reviews of whether the mining that preceded the thunderous cave-in was too aggressive.

As a drill bored a sixth hole into the side of a mountain, Sen. Edward Kennedy, chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, demanded a litany of documents from the Labor Department about the Crandall Canyon Mine and its operators.

"The loss of life at the mine, and the devastating emotional toll on families of the victims, underscore the urgent need for a thorough examination of our federal system of mine safety," Kennedy, D-Mass., wrote to Labor Secretary Elaine Chao.

The six miners have been trapped since Aug. 6, and searchers have found no sign

they survived. Three other miners were killed and six more injured last week when the shifting mountain crumbled around them as they tunneled toward the missing men. Tunneling has not resumed.

Kennedy wants to review several petitions the mine's co-owner, Bob Murray, made to the Mine Safety and Health Administration for changes in his mining plans at Crandall Canyon, among other documents. Experts have said the proposed changes were risky and could have led to the initial collapse.

The Senate Appropriations subcommittee that oversees labor issues announced plans for a hearing on the mine collapse when Congress returns from its summer break Sept. 5. The subcommittee wants to question Murray and MSHA chief Richard Stickler.

Officials with Murray's company did not return repeated requests for comment Thursday.

At the mine, crews began working on the sixth test hole to try to locate the men.

The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration

said in a news release Thursday that no air samples or video images could be obtained from the fifth hole because it became plugged with mud.

Other holes provided only grainy video images of rubble and poor air sample readings, and efforts to signal the miners have met with silence.

The sixth hole will head toward an area where the miners were last believed to have been working, some 1,500 feet below the surface. It was expected to be completed over the weekend.

"This is the last hole," Murray said Wednesday night. Drilling it, he said, will "bring closure to me that I could never get them out alive."

Sonny Olsen, an attorney acting as spokesman for the families, said Thursday night that the families want drilling to continue even if the sixth hole fails to show signs of life. If rescue is not possible, the families want the men's bodies to be retrieved.

"Sealing up the mine with our loved ones inside without knowing if they've perished is outrageous to us," said Olsen, reading

from a statement. "There's been no indication that these men are not alive. The families acknowledge that there's an issue with the air. These men are trained on how to survive in these kinds of environments."

Gov. Jon Huntsman said Thursday that the families of the missing men needed peace of mind.

"I do think the way the families have been treated is unconscionable," he said.

Murray has made a series of conflicting statements about whether mining will ever again take place at the mine, or elsewhere on the mountain.

On Wednesday night, he said the mine would be sealed and digging would cease at Crandall Canyon. "I can tell you right now, we are not going back into that mountain," he said.

He said MSHA would decide after the investigation how soon he could seal the mine. "I want out of it. I want to recover the equipment and get out of it as quickly as possible," Murray said.

Alabama inmate put to death

Governor refuses to intervene, man maintains innocence until end

Garry Mitchell  
The Associated Press

**ATMORE, Ala.** - Luther Jerome Williams was executed by injection Thursday for the 1988

murder and robbery of a man who was taken into the woods and shot after he had stopped on an interstate exit ramp to check on a problem with his pickup truck.

Williams, 47, was agitated and was told by the warden to "calm down" as he prepared to read the death warrant.

In his final comments, Williams maintained his innocence, alleging his two co-defendants "put it on me" on orders from the trial prosecutor, and that he had been given "no defense" from his trial attorney. Looking at the victim's sister in the witness room he said, "I did not do it."

Prison chaplain Chris Summers held Williams' left

hand and knelt in prayer as he died. He was pronounced dead at 6:21 p.m. at Holman prison near Atmore.

Williams had lost appeals to state and federal courts in his final days, including one over the constitutionality of Alabama's method of execution. The U.S. Supreme Court, in a 5-4 vote, on Thursday denied an application for a stay of execution.

Gov. Bob Riley refused to intervene, saying there was no reason to delay the execution of a man convicted in a "random, cold-blooded crime" almost 20 years ago.

Williams was executed for the robbery and shooting death of 63-year-old John Robert Kirk on Jan. 23,



Jerome Williams


1988.

Kirk, of Gordo, was led into the woods, shot in the head and robbed when he stopped his truck on an Interstate 59 exit ramp to check a vehicle problem while driving home from work in Helena. His sister, Peggy Kirk Guy, and her son, Lewis Kirk Guy, witnessed the execution.

Both had no comment after the execution.

Two others convicted in the murder received life sentences. Trosky Eric Gregory, 43, was paroled in 2005, but returned to prison earlier this year after his parole was revoked. Albert Carmichael Jr., 45, was paroled in 2004.

Tuscaloosa attorney Joel L. Sogol, who helped wage Williams' appeal, said Williams steadfastly claimed he was passed out drunk in the car when Kirk was shot by one of his two companions that Saturday afternoon.



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IN OUR OPINION

New solutions needed for parking problems

Parking spaces are like money—no matter how much you have, you always seem to need more.

Parking Services’ decision to close the Coliseum parking lots overnight has made USC’s parking problem worse, and with a steadily growing student population, the problem will not solve itself anytime soon.

Without overnight parking at the Coliseum, students without garage spaces will have to walk from lots near Bates all the way to Capstone or Wade Hampton, often at night and alone.

It seems like everyone has a solution to the parking shortage, but the administration

It seems like everyone has a solution to the parking shortage, but administration has so far refused to try a common suggestion: eliminate freshman parking.

USC’s Columbia campus is taking on more than 3,700 freshmen this semester. If only a third of them bring cars to campus, eliminating freshman parking would free up almost as many spots as there are in the Pendleton Street parking garage.

Universities across the Southeast have already taken this step. College of Charleston and UNC-Chapel Hill do not allow freshmen to park on campus, and the University of Georgia assigns parking spaces through a “priority system” that takes credit hours earned into account.

Eliminating freshman parking would allow many more upperclassmen and commuter students to park close to the center of campus, making the parking situation safer and more convenient for the majority of students.

CORRECTIONS

In Thursday’s News section, an article about the new emergency notification system should have said the test text message won’t go out until students get an e-mail warning.

If you see an error in today’s paper, we want to know about it. E-mail us at gamecockopinions@gwm.sc.edu

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BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY’S

Freshmen should find home at school

Enjoying experiences, getting to know Carolina will ease homesickness

It’s the first week of school, and I already know how many of you, especially the freshmen out there, are feeling.

You are starting to realize that you aren’t at home anymore – everything is now foreign territory, and mom and dad can’t help you find your way around anymore. At home you knew all the best places to hang out and had all the same familiar faces with you wherever you went.

Now you are going to things like First Night Carolina because you realize you actually don’t have anything better to do.

Before you pack up all of your things and run back to the community college closest to home, remember that you chose USC for a reason. Too many people miss out on all of the finer qualities Columbia has to offer because they are too busy missing the comfortable



AMANDA DAVIS  
Second-year English student

life they had back at home.

I can’t tell you how many people I saw (though, admittedly, via a Facebook transfer back home

because they couldn’t handle having to make a fresh start.

Newsflash: college is supposed to be a new experience, and once you get settled you will realize that there is no alternative to USC. You are at the right place.

So what does Columbia have that home sweet home is missing? Let’s start with Russell House, the five-minute walk from your dorm room that will satisfy all of your fast-food, salad, Zia Juice or ice cream-on-a-slab cravings. It’s where you’ll find the free movies, Starbucks and even a hair salon (yes, we have a hair salon upstairs). There are few things you cannot find at the Russell House – except for maybe a decent price

on a textbook.

Two words: Five Points. Or Pop’s, THE place for pizza. After a long day of tailgating, these places will make your day.

A quick jaunt from the Horseshoe, you can find Beezer’s, a place that will deliver to your dorm room at 3 a.m. And just a little further down the road you can satisfy just about any craving with the popular Wild Wings and Moe’s Southwest Grill. Before long, you will have these numbers programmed in your phone and you’ll wonder how you ever lived without them.

Leaving home is hard, but you are leaving it behind to discover all of the wonderful places and people USC has to offer, so don’t blow it all away just because you are afraid of something new. If you do it right, you’ll find out what really homesick is when you go home for summer.

So, for all of you missing home and the people and places you left behind, start your college career off right and let Columbia be your new home – at least until May.



CHASE STOUDENMIRE  
Fourth-year history student

Author’s note: Trapper Keepers are still cool.

Soon after the health food craze began, we discovered Pepsi One, which

tastes one percent as good as regular Pepsi. Then, in a bold move nobody saw coming, the gods brought us Coke Zero, which contains zero percent actual Coke, but retains many Coke-like characteristics, such as the ability to be sold in vending machines or completely disintegrate a human tooth left submerged for 24 hours.

But these massive brand expansions with healthy twists aren’t limited to soft drinks. Now they’re messing with water.

Ignoring the inherent stupidity of buying and selling bottled water, we can now choose between regular Dasani (bottled most-abundant-natural-resource-on-the-planet), or one of many exciting varieties: Dasani Plus, Active, Balance, Sensations, Flavors, Nutriwater, Damp, Moist, Wet, etc.

Aquafina is even running a commercial right now advertising that they filter their water seven times, which immediately tells me two things. First, Aquafina’s filtration process must not work very well, and second, there are enough problems in the bottled water industry that I can probably step in with a brilliant new product and make millions of dollars.

Accordingly, I’m pleased to announce today my refreshing new beverage, “HO™” water.

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Once I start distributing, I guarantee this campus will be overflowing with HO™, much like Clemson has for years.

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Bonds’s new record leaves sport’s fans feeling jaded

Possibilities of steroid use take away from historical excitement at new record

The names evoke mythical images tied to our childhood and our imagination: Ruth, Mays, Foxx, Maris, Mantle, Aaron.

Some of the most feared and revered names in baseball history, best known

for annihilating the offerings of countless pitchers, even inspire their own adjectives, such as a “Ruthian.”

These were the sluggers of baseball’s past, immortalized as much by their accomplishments on the field as well as their dynamic and adored personas off of it.

The home run has forever been etched in the American psyche as a Ruthian feat, to hit a round object squarely with another round object going at upwards of 90 mph. It is the most extraordinary and celebrated act in all of sports, and the all-time home run record is the most hallowed record out of any sport, until now.

Barry Bonds, of steroid controversy, of sour public image and of expanding hat size, recently eclipsed the much respected and admired Henry Aaron’s total of 755 by sending a moon shot towards left-center field.

With fists raised triumphantly, watching his accomplishment sail into the San Francisco night and the waiting swarm of rabid memorabilia bounty hunters, Bonds eclipsed Aaron’s long-standing mark.

To be honest with you, I didn’t watch the game live, but caught the replays later. I’ve seen Bonds in real life display his abilities with a home run off of Josh Beckett, and I watched live when Bonds hit his 754th off of Florida’s Rick VandenHurk, but I couldn’t bring myself to watch the climactic moment when another notorious name from baseball’s Steroid Era toppled another name from baseball lore.

I felt empty, listening to the congratulations by the various sports analysts, as no unbridled excitement or happiness had engulfed me upon hearing about his feat. Instead I wondered what Bonds, in his heart of hearts, was really feeling as he stood with his arms extended towards the sky.

I wondered if he felt the least bit ashamed or apologetic about what he was doing.

Granted, Barry Bonds is one of the greatest baseball players of all time even if he is ever proven guilty of using performance-enhancing drugs. This is undisputed fact.

But watching over and over again, Bonds raising his fists in the air in triumph, as if having conquered not only Aaron’s milestone but a nation rooting against him, I could not help but feel that the joys of baseball, the smell of outfield grass and the sound of gloves popping, were flying away with the record-breaking ball Bonds had struck.

MICHAEL WUNDERLICH  
First-year print journalism student



# Corey Smith matures in latest album effort

*Recent fatherhood, continuing success offer fresh lyrical inspiration to compliment rock sound.*

Tyler Mobley  
ASSISTANT MIX EDITOR

## How is this tour different from your previous tours?

Everything's been growing in a spiral effect. You go on tour to support a record, and that makes more people want to come to the shows.

## How is your new CD different from your old albums?

This is a much more mature album for me. This is the first album where I feel like I was able to envision something and go into the studio to do exactly what I wanted to do. I just had more experience with what I was doing.

## Do you think your sound has evolved significantly over the years?

Yeah, there's more instrumentation and more production on this album. There are still three tracks that are pretty raw. My sound, though, is not just country; it's not just rock. The songs deal with bigger issues now. I'm a father, and fatherhood has changed my writing a lot.

## Where are some of your favorite places to play?

I like them all really. Last night we played in Georgia in a small little bar that I've played plenty of times over the years. It's loud and stinky and sweaty, but there's an intimacy that's cool. It doesn't sound the greatest, it doesn't look the greatest, but it's fun. At the same time it's always great to play in a nice big theater with nice seats and great sound.

## What is your craziest fan experience?

There are several fans I see a lot on tour. They kind of follow me around. They'll wait around for hours after a show just for me to sign something like a hat. There's this one guy who comes with his wife to so many shows. They both teach school, and every time they come the guy has me sign his hat. I think I've covered one hat for him already, and he's on his second one now.

Also, I check my e-mail a lot. Some almost make me cry, some piss me off and some almost kind of scare me.

## Are there any artists or bands in the past that you've played with or toured with that really stand out to you as people and/or as artists?

I wouldn't want to get into a list for fear that I'd leave

someone out. I've gotten to hear a lot of good music, but it can be hard since I'm so busy getting ready for a show while the other artists are playing.

## What are your future goals for your life, career or family?

What I focus on is just writing songs. At the core of all this is just my love for writing. It's just therapeutic, and it's the way that I deal with things. I get better with every song I write. I try to stay focused on that. I like to hope that, at the end of my life, people will think of my songs as one body of work.

## What genres or artists really influenced your sound?

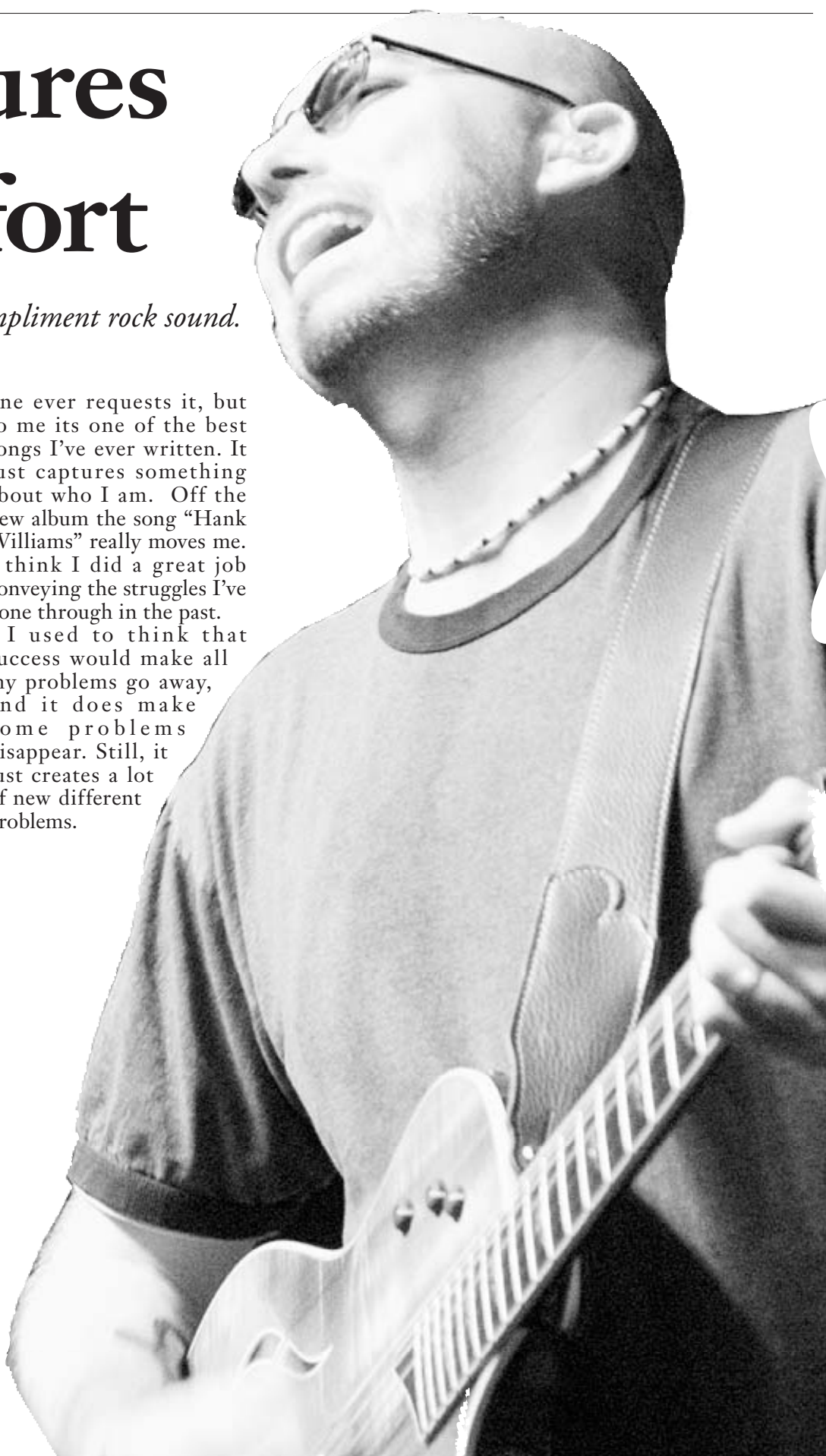
That's hard for me to list because there are so many influences. When I was a kid I grew up in a southern Baptist church, so as a young child I heard a lot of gospel. Then later I got into everything from grunge to Tupac. My interests and influences have shifted through different phases in my life.

## What song do you feel really defines you?

My favorite song is one that I never play live called "Single Wide Home." No

one ever requests it, but to me it's one of the best songs I've ever written. It just captures something about who I am. Off the new album the song "Hank Williams" really moves me. I think I did a great job conveying the struggles I've gone through in the past.

I used to think that success would make all my problems go away, and it does make some problems disappear. Still, it just creates a lot of new different problems.



# Epic comedy at its baddest

*Flick echoes reality of high school experience with disarming sarcasm, relatable scenarios*

Lorna Festa  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

**"Superbad"**  
★★★★ out of ☆☆☆☆☆

Debuting at number one, this summer's crudest comedy, "Superbad," lives up to its boast.

The movie is truly a hilarious epic for this generation.

"Superbad," reminiscent of predecessors such as "American Graffiti," succeeds at acquiring comparable praise.

The authenticity, and often vulgar, honesty of the movie will leave young viewers wincing from reminders of their own embarrassing

adolescence.

It's too bad many of the people who would identify with its message are teens too young to view the R-rated film.

The plot centers around senior best buddies Seth and Evan (Jonah Hill and Michael Cera), who fail to get accepted to the same university.

While they avoid facing issues of growing up and perhaps growing apart, the boys promise their crushes alcohol for a huge year-end party.

Both of the actors contribute convincing and

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Jonah Hill and Michael Cera star as horny, awkward high school buddies Seth and Evan in the new comedy "Superbad."

# British actors invade American airwaves with style

Charlie McCollum  
MCT Campus

## BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.

— This coming season on network television, the sun will never set on what remains of the British empire.

While English, Irish, Scottish and Australian actors working in Hollywood is hardly new — it dates all the way back to the days of silent

films and Charlie Chaplin — the upcoming TV season will see a flood of British performers in lead roles on such high-profile new series as NBC's "Bionic Woman," ABC's "Pushing Daisies" and CBS's "Viva Laughlin." Chances are good you won't be able to tell they're from across the pond — their American accents are too impeccable — but they are.

"It's an organized invasion

and, pretty soon, everybody is going to be speaking like me," laughs Lennie James, a breakout star on CBS's "Jericho" last season who was born in south London of Trinidadian parents.

Helen Mirren, one of the grand dames of the British acting world, added in a recent interview that "what is happening more and more is that the American TV industry is looking

to British actors because they've realized that they're very good, they speak the same language...and they are cheap."

To a certain extent, you can blame much of what's taking place on Hugh Laurie, the English-born actor who has made a big splash on Fox's "House." His success as the lead in a very American series has increased interest in Brit

actors (on the part of the networks and studios) and in doing U.S. television on the part of performers in the United Kingdom.

"You have to give Hugh a lot of credit," says Fox Entertainment president Kevin Reilly. "People realized, 'Oh, actors act. They play all sorts of different characters.' Nobody would know Hugh Laurie was English if he

didn't tell them.

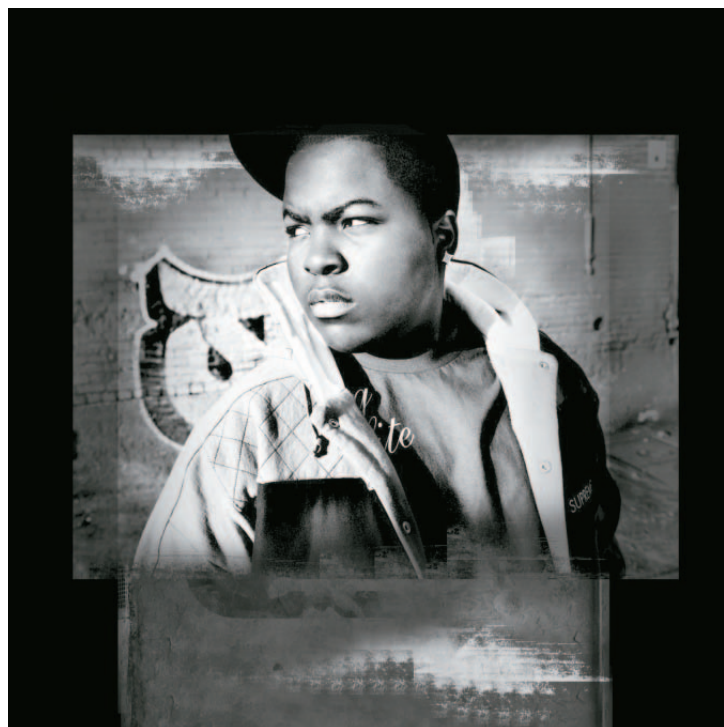
"There's also a growing belief in the network TV business that, for characters of a certain age, with real gravitas and charisma, anyone in America who could play that part already has it," he adds. "That's particularly true for male leads. Casting no aspersions against the American male acting pool, but somehow

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# the billboard top 10

Sean Kingston



1. Sean Kingston - Beautiful Girls
2. Fergie - Big Girls Don't Cry
3. Timbaland feat. Keri Hilson - The Way I Are
4. Plain White T's - Hey There Delilah
5. Kanye West - Stronger
6. Soulja Boy - Crank That (Soulja Boy)
7. T-Pain feat. Akon - Bartender
8. Rhianna feat. Jay-Z - Umbrella
9. Fabolous feat. Ne-Yo - Make Me Better
10. Hurricane Chris - Ay Bay Bay

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earnest performances, establishing an unyielding foundation for the film.

Horny Seth and awkward Evan's plans begin to go sour when they rely on their dorky acquaintance Fogell, played by Christopher Mintz-Plasse, and his newly acquired fake ID.

They berate their friend for believing that his ill-conceived renaming will pass as a legitimate driver's license.

The disarming sarcasm and clever wit of the screenplay combined with the three young actors' conversational chemistry are the formula for this ingenious blockbuster.

When the liquor store is robbed, however, Fogell somehow convinces two dense cops (Bill Hader and Seth Rogen) that he is simply "McLovin," 25-year-old Hawaiian organ donor."

Their adventures grow more implausible and more sidesplitting thereafter.

McLovin joins the dim-witted cops on a riotous escapade around town in their cop car, while Evan and Seth remain under the impression that Fogell has been arrested.

The friends continue trying to determine how they can get to the party with the pledged booze in order to impress the ladies and ultimately get laid.

A captivating movie relies on the number of obstacles impeding the aims of the protagonists.

"Superbad" is never in want of painful predicaments, mostly instigated from the two pals' antics and their inability to reason.

High school, anyone?

Moviegoers will wonder if the creative minds behind "Superbad" possess a phallic complex.

The knowledge that writers Evan Goldberg and Seth

Rogen began drafting the script at the age of thirteen from their own experiences and adventures only adds to the esteem for the film.

Despite the offensiveness of the language and subject matter, "Superbad" even manages to be charming and genuine at times without seeming trite.

With insecure and endearing heroes like Seth and Evan, even the biggest critic will find it impossible to dislike this movie.

Viewers not insulted by the perverse dialogue will find themselves laughing from the start through the closing credits.

This quotable, teen odyssey will be echoed by fans long after it leaves theaters.

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it's easier to find that guy in Europe."

Part of the recent attraction to British actors is the result of the increased exposure they are receiving in this country thanks to cable television.

"With the advent of 'Rome' and other HBO series made with British actors and the series on BBC America, these skilled actors are getting more notice," says David Nutter, a veteran TV director and producer of Fox's "The Sarah Connor Chronicles," which has British actress Lena Headey ("300") in its title role.

"People in our business are able to say, 'Oh, look at this person. ... Let's try to get them on this show.'"

Yet the actors don't have too much exposure when it comes to American audiences and a television industry in which "everyone is looking for new faces. Everyone is looking for people they haven't seen," says David Eick, the executive producer of "Bionic Woman," which stars long-time British soap star actress Michelle Ryan.

Ben Silverman, the new co-chairman of NBC Entertainment,

concur, suggesting that "these British actors have tremendous experience and talent, but they aren't yet famous. So they fall in a great space for television."

"You don't have to pick the 21-year-old kid who just fell off the bus as he entered L.A. And the fact that they're not really known by the audience allows them to be discovered by the audience."

The stars of "Rome" – Scotsman Kevin McKidd and Irishman Ray Stevenson – were two of the hottest properties during casting for new series. (McKidd's "Journeyman" made the NBC lineup; Stevenson's pilot was not picked up.) English-born Zuleikha Robinson also made a splash in "Rome" as a slave girl. Lloyd Owen, the star of "Viva Laughlin," got a lot of exposure on the BBC America series "Monarch of the Glen" and "The Innocence Project."

Then there is the matter of accents – or, more precisely, the seemingly unerring ability of actors from the United Kingdom to drop into unaffected, region-specific American accents.

"British performers have really nailed the craft of an American accent, and they

are sounding effortlessly American," Eick says. "That makes it much easier for American casting and casting directors and producers to take that leap of faith" and cast them in lead roles.

The actors themselves are bemused by the discussion of accents and, largely, don't consider it a big deal, just something they picked up during their training.

"My indigenous accent is completely impenetrable. Even I don't understand it sometimes," McKidd says. When he "went to drama school in Edinburgh, they said, 'You know, you're never going to work with a voice like that.'"

So, McKidd had to develop more "generic, neutral" accents from the very beginning.

Damian Lewis, the star of NBC's new "Life," says that after establishing the accent he wants for a role, he "finds it's very easy. I just stay in it. I feel confident. I stay in my American accent when I'm surrounded by American people."

And Laurie adds that, after a while, you just don't think about it. "Television moves at such a pace that there simply is no time to reflect on how you would say 'encephalopathy' as an

American," he says. "You've said it and it's gone, cut, and we're going on to the next set-up."

What the actors also agree on is the appeal of working in American television. Brought up in an acting world where TV is seen as simply another venue for your craft and not a poor cousin to stage and film, they come for the work.

"As an actor, you have to travel where the work is," says Sophia Myles, co-star of CBS' new "Moonlight." "In England, at the moment, our government isn't putting any money into the film business. And American television, especially in the last few years, is on a par, if not better than, a lot of movies out there."

Laurie says that "if it's anything like my experience, what draws the other actors, what drew me, was an absolutely stunning script. It could have been a Latvian circus piece – or it could have been a piece of American television. For an actor, a good script is like sprinkling bread crumbs."

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Complete the grid so each row, column AND 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

Solution to Thursday's Sudoku

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**Cancer** You're smart, but you don't know everything. Find somebody who has parts of the puzzle you lack.  
**Leo** Your natural positive attitude serves you well in difficult conditions.  
**Virgo** Follow through on a whim, it'll lead you in the right direction.  
**Libra** You're a very talented person, and you're in a creative mood. Not everything you try will work the first time but don't give up.  
**Scorpio** The others are enthusiastic but they're looking for leadership. You're the one most likely to figure out what has to be done.  
**Sagittarius** The money's good, and that's good because you have new household expenses. If you don't yet, you will soon.  
**Capricorn** Don't go far today if you can possibly avoid it. Traffic will be horrible, and there'll be all sorts of breakdowns. Do yourself a favor and stay out of the mess.  
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Solutions from Thursday 8/23/07

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- 6 Upholstery fabric
- 7 Way cool!
- 8 Ova
- 9 London lines
- 10 Horse-racing hat trick
- 11 Book before Joel
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- 13 Putin's turndowns
- 18 Trust
- 23 Desert Storm missile
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- 34 Rotunda topper
- 36 Heavenly
- 37 Alain's girlfriend
- 38 Hit on the head
- 41 And others: Lat.
- 44 Mark for removal
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- 50 Modicum
- 51 Etcher's fluids
- 52 Roman senate
- 53 Kind of pot
- 55 Saunders' show, to fans
- 57 Farm building
- 60 "Bus Stop" dramatist
- 61 Hungarian river
- 64 Tidal reflux
- 65 Shaq's alma mater



# Mitchell benched

*Mitchell turns over quarterback position again, finds himself suspended*

Michael Aguilar  
STAFF WRITER

A decidedly frustrated Steve Spurrier spoke to the media on Thursday afternoon about the latest Gamecock football players in trouble. Fifth-year senior quarterback Blake Mitchell was suspended for the season opener against Louisiana-Lafayette, along with Mitchell, junior tailback Bobby Wallace and sophomore cornerback Chris Hail.

The suspensions are a continuation of the punishment that Mitchell and the others received for missing class earlier in the summer. All of the players had to sit out of the first week of practice due to attendance issues.

“That’s the way the ball bounces,” Spurrier said. “He should have gone to class better this summer, I know that. So if he has to miss one, we’ll deal with that.”

Mitchell has faced suspensions before, including last year when he turned himself in and was arrested, charged with assaulting a bouncer at a local bar. The LaGrange, Ga., native faced charges for several days until they were dropped. He was suspended from one game for that incident.

The reins of the offense were handed over to Syvelle Newton, a converted wide receiver, and it wasn’t until six weeks later that Mitchell saw action on the field.

Once he did resume play, he returned with what Spurrier called the “best half of football I’ve ever seen a quarterback play.” Mitchell then proceeded to lead the Gamecocks inches from victory against soon-to-be national champions Florida and to two wins to close out the season, including Carolina’s first bowl victory

since 2002.

This isn’t over for Mitchell though. Spurrier told the media that Mitchell was appealing his suspension and there is not further information on whether or not the fifth-year senior will play.

“If Blake’s in, then he’ll play,” Spurrier said. “If Blake’s out then Chris Smelley will start and Tommy Beecher will play. We’ll play both Tommy and Chris Smelley if Blake’s out. If Blake’s in we might play all three of them. How’s that?”

Smelley has seen action in favor of Mitchell several times in his short career. In both of the two games that started the 2006-2007 season Smelley replaced Mitchell on two occasions. His performance was average and it was obvious he was lacking the experience necessary to be a good quarterback. This time is different.

“I’ll definitely feel a lot better than I did last year against Mississippi State,” Smelley said. “I feel comfortable with the offense and I have confidence that I can get in there and help the team win.”

Smelley also made it clear that nothing would change for the Gamecocks just because of this incident, and that even though the team currently finds itself without its starting quarterback, Spurrier is keeping everyone’s heads on straight.

“This team is focused and ready to go,” Smelley said. “We’ve got a lot of veteran leaders out here. So the team is working just as hard and we’ll be ready. Coach Spurrier works hard out here everyday, so this hasn’t



Juan Blas / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

USC quarterback Blake Mitchell will find himself on the bench for Carolina’s opener.



Bobby Wallace



Blake Mitchell



Chris Hail

been a distraction and the team is ready to go.”

As usually happens after any sort of suspension in a Division I football program, there was a media frenzy surrounding practice. Sophomore quarterback Tommy Beecher, one of the

two most likely candidates to replace Mitchell, kept a level head and cleared the air about where the team stands.

“Everyone is behind him one hundred percent,” Beecher said. “No one really knows what’s going

to happen so we’re trying not to make judgment calls, but I hope that Blake is out there.”

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## Smelley gets keys to USC Cock ’n Fire

**With Mitchell benched, fans hope redshirt QB can lead team to title**

Once again, Chris Smelley has gotten a bad deal.

Last year, he made his collegiate debut two years earlier than expected in the season opener at Mississippi State when quarterback Blake Mitchell got hurt in the first quarter.

Smelley, a redshirt freshman last season, completed two of four passes for 48 yards, one of them coming on a 42-yard bomb to Kenny McKinley. Smelley also ran the ball twice for a loss of 14 yards.

He made his second and final appearance of the 2006 season the following week in the home opener against Georgia.

In the game that marked the first shutout for the Bulldogs in three years, and only the second one ever to be dropped on Steve Spurrier, Smelley did not come into the game until it was too late.

He completed seven of 11 passes for 64 yards as the Gamecocks laid a goose egg in Georgia’s 18-point victory.

He then had to sit back and watch as Syvelle Newton was moved from wide receiver to quarterback for seven games. Newton was going to be done at the end of the season, but that playing time might have proved invaluable for Smelley, who could have gotten several tough SEC games under his belt.

Then, during the spring, Smelley sat back and watched as Stephen Garcia made his heralded early arrival to Columbia.

**BURKARTH ● 17**



CORY BURKARTH

Assistant  
Sports Editor

## Can You Dig It?



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Dinelia Concepcion and the Gamecock volleyball team opens their 2007 season under new coach Ben Somera on the road in a weekend tournament in Delaware against Boston College, Delaware and Binghamton.

## Volleyball set to start

*Gamecocks look to spike trio at upcoming Delaware/Asics Invitational*

Michael Finnegan  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

The Carolina women’s volleyball team opens its 2007 campaign at the Delaware/Asics Invitational Aug 24-25, and the team is eager to get on the court after some offseason changes.

Former head coach Nancy Somera stepped down, leading to a round of musical chairs for the coaching staff. Ben Somera steps in to become the head coach and Damian Elder replaces Coach Somera as the top assistant. Last year’s graduate assistant, Shannon Pallardy, was promoted to second assistant.

Along with having a new coach, the Gamecocks will have to replace six varsity players, including first-team All-SEC and AVCA All-South region Shonda Cole, who accounted for over 35 percent of the team’s kills. In losing fellow seniors Marija Milosevic and Lynae Vanden Hull to graduation, the team lost just under 75 percent of its kills.

This year, Somera looks

for a more balance attacked.

“We are a very physical team with individual players,” Somera said. “We haven’t been able to grasp ‘we’ yet.”

And Somera hopes that this year, the team will be able to be more of a team, as opposed to having individual players. Being a team and spreading the ball around is the only way a team can make up for the loss of those great players.

Defensively, Somera is looking more for quality digs than blocks.

“The best teams don’t have the most blocks, but have the most digs,” Coach Somera said. He also knows that you need to control the digs as well. “The digs need to be up and to the setters. Dig, set, hit, not dig set, free ball.”

This team is young with eight freshmen vying for playing time and only three juniors and will look to redshirt junior Belita Salters as the team captain and emotional leader.

This weekend the team will face some uncommon

**WOMEN ● 16**



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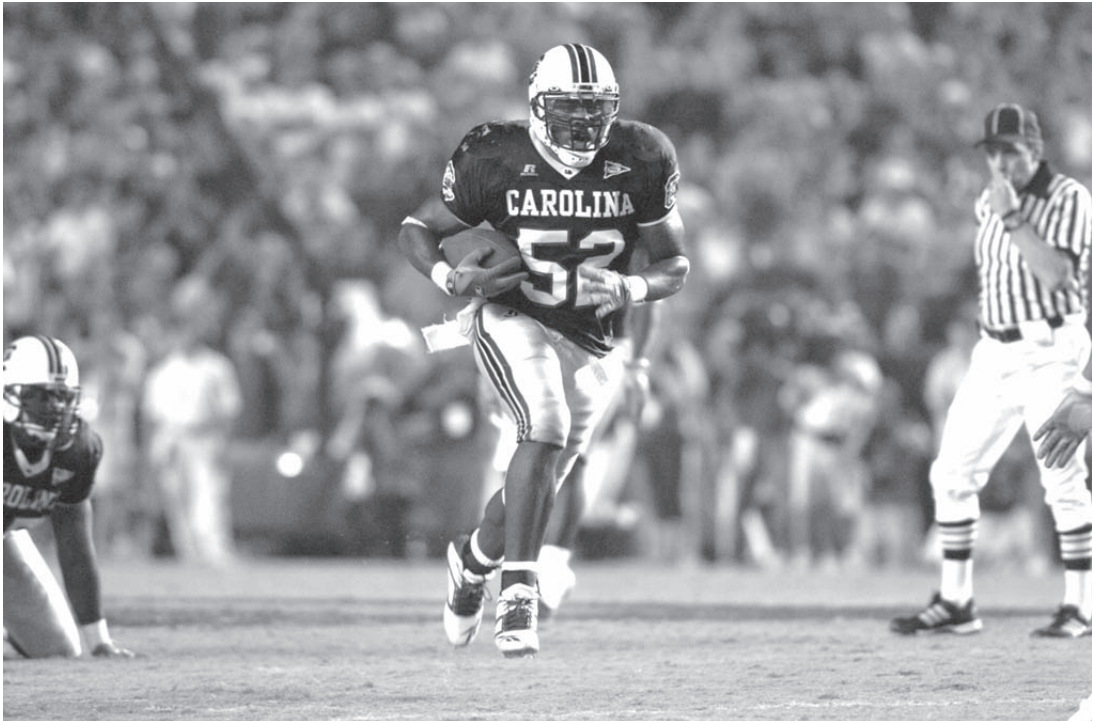
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**Blakely Mattern was named to preseason All-SEC team.**

Cory Burkarth  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

**TWICE AS NICE**  
Carolina's soccer team got a double-shot of good news yesterday when senior Ashley Kirk and sophomore Blakely Mattern were named to the

preseason All-Southeastern Conference team. Kirk, a team captain and midfielder was a second-team All-SEC selection last year and Soccer Buzz named her to the third team All-Region. She was the SEC's 2004 freshman of the year



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**Middle linebacker Jasper Brinkley has been named to the Walter Camp Watch List.**

and in 2005, she was the only player to play in all 18 matches. Mattern, one of the team's defenders, was named a Freshman All-American by Soccer Buzz. Mattern, who came to USC after turning down offers to play at Florida

## WOMEN • Continued from 15

opponents. In the first game of the tournament, the team will tangle with the Binghamton Bearcats. This will be the first ever meeting between the two schools. In the second game, the Gamecocks will face another fowl in the Boston College Golden Eagles. The two teams have met one previous time, back in 1988. The Gamecocks took round one sweeping Boston College 3-0. The last game will put the Gamecocks against a familiar face to the volleyball program. Former Gamecock coach Bonnie Kenny will lead her Delaware Blue Hens in the third meeting between the two schools. Carolina won the last match 3-1, which was back in 1994. Somera hopes the team will gel together and have many offensive weapons. "I hope that the we are not a team with one big gun, but a team of good hitters. Not one bomber, but many little guns."

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and West Virginia was an SEC Freshman Academic Honor Roll member. She scored two game-winning goals last season against Furman and Mississippi State in a season where the Gamecocks went 11-6-5 in a season where they reached the SEC tournament.

**ON THE BRINK OF GREATNESS?** On the same day three of his teammates were suspended for the season opener, USC middle linebacker Jasper Brinkley was named to the Walter Camp Football Foundations 35 “players to watch” list. Brinkley, a 6-2 262-pound linebacker led the Gamecocks with 107 tackles.

The list will be cut down

to ten semi-finalists when November rolls around, and the winner will be announced on ESPN’s College Football Awards Show in December.

It’s not Brinkley’s first and only preseason accolade however. He is also on the preseason watch list for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, which gets awarded to college football’s best defensive player.

**DUCE IN THE BOOTH?** After a ten-year career in the National Football League, former USC running back Duce Staley will return to Carolina as the sideline reporter for the Gamecocks Radio Network.

Staley, who played for the

Philadelphia Eagles from 1997 to 2003, and then with the Pittsburgh Steelers from 2004-2006 replaces Rob DeBoer, who decided to leave the broadcast team because of a federal lawsuit involving both him and an online music retailer.

A graduate of Airport High School, Staley played his first two seasons at a junior college in Mississippi before returning to Carolina for his junior and senior seasons (1996-1997). During those two years, he carried the ball 386 times for 1,852 yards which is 14th best all-time by a Gamecock.

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Chris Smelley will start for USC in their season opener against Louisiana-Lafayette.

# NCAA won't overturn text messaging ban on recruiting

Board maintains strong stance against communicating with prospective athletes

*The Associated Press*

**INDIANAPOLIS** - College coaches must keep recruiting the old-fashioned way - for now.

The NCAA’s board of directors took no action Thursday toward overriding a text messaging ban it approved in April, simply sending it back to the membership for another vote at January’s annual NCAA convention. Until then, the rule that went into effect Aug. 1 will remain in place.

“The proposals were discussed in April and the board of directors followed the advice of student-athletes that text messaging be eliminated,” Division I vice president David Berst said. “I think even then the board realized there might be a better solution than elimination, but we haven’t seen any yet.”

At least 30 schools must request an appeal in writing to force the committee to reconsider.

The 18-member committee then has three options: To affirm the original decision, sending it back to the membership for another vote while the rule remains in place; overturning the ruling; or approving an emergency amendment to change the rule and possibly push back the date for implementation.

It takes a simple majority to overturn the ruling, but the committee took no vote and sent it to the full membership.

There is precedent for overturning board rulings at the convention. It has happened twice since 2006, when the NCAA adopted a new appeals process. But schools also voted four times not to change the rules.

When the ban was approved in April, the board uncharacteristically indicated it was willing to reconsider the issue possibly next year. Several proposals are being drafted, Berst said. One would allow coaches to text message student-athletes after they’ve signed a national letter-of-intent, but Berst wasn’t sure that would be a good enough compromise.

“I think we’re looking for a better answer than that,” he said.

Many football coaches and assistant basketball coaches balked at the original decision.

Grant Teaff, executive director of the American Football Coaches Association, was the most outspoken opponent. He said he had not met with any of committee members but did send a letter expressing the group’s opposition.

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That hype quickly burned out when Garcia was arrested twice within a two-week span. During that public relations nightmare, did Smelley get any credit for his golden boy behavior? [enter the sound of crickets]

During the summer, Mitchell was suspended for the first two fall practices after it was discovered that Mitchell was cutting class.

Did anybody start to mention Smelley as the future of Carolina football? Not even close.

Hopefully, the 20-year old Smelley hasn’t let any of that keep him down, because his number is now being called. In eight days, he’ll make his first college start when the Gamecocks host Louisiana-Lafayette in what could prove to be the end of the road for Mitchell.

Smelley’s going to get an easy first test against the Ragin’ Cajuns on Sept. 1 at Williams-Brice Stadium, and a better than good performance from him on opening night will give way to a second start for him the following week at Georgia.

If he has a second great game and the players buy into him as being their leader, then Blake Mitchell’s career at Carolina could be over.

Because of Carolina’s daunting schedule this year, the quarterback position is only going to be a factor in four or five games. At best, the Gamecocks will go 7-5, so it makes sense to just give Smelley the season to get the experience under his belt. That way, come next year, Smelley won’t be a rookie and the Gamecocks will have a quarterback with experience.


The problem with Mitchell is that he has shown he is unable to follow both team rules and the law for an extended period of time.

The law is one thing, but Spurrier cannot send a message to his players that there are not consequences for breaking his rules. If he did not come down on Mitchell, it would not be long before the players were running the locker room.

Eric Norwood told me he expects Smelley will get the job done for the offense come opening night against the Ragin’ Cajuns.

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